

**LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE****25 JANUARY 2017**

<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR DELIVERY</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider representations received in respect of a proposed increase to the Hackney Carriage fare tariff advertised in accordance with the decision of this Committee on 25 November 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

That Members consider the proposals to amend the Hackney Carriage Tariffs and determine whether it is appropriate to approve an increase in Hackney Carriage Tariffs in light of the representations received as part of the consultation process.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

1.1 It is a delegated function of this Committee to set Hackney Carriage Tariffs.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

2.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 section 65(1) gives the power to set hackney carriage fares to the local authority as follows:

1 A District Council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle; to be paid in respect of the hire of a hackney carriage by means of a table (hereafter in this section referred to as a 'table of fares') made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section.

2 When a District Council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying the period, which shall not be less than fourteen days from the date of first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.

3.2 On 24 September 2007 Members of this Committee resolved to consider an annual review of fares based upon the Public Carriage Office (now Transport for London) recommendations for London.

3.3 Since that date the last increase of hackney carriage fares was in December 2012 as any change using this method in recent years would have resulted in a negligible impact on Hackney Carriage fares.

3.4 On 23 November 2016 Members considered a proposal to increase the Hackney Carriage fare tariff. Members resolved that the proposal be approved, subject to any objections being received as part of the consultation process.

3.5 The proposed increase was advertised on the Council website and in the Wirral Globe for a period of fourteen days.

3.6 A table comparing the current and proposed rates is shown at Appendix 1. A table showing the effect of the proposed increases is attached at Appendix 2.

- 3.7 The date set by Members at their meeting on 23 November 2016 for the new table of fares to come into force if no objections were received was 15 December 2016.
- 3.8 During the consultation period two representations were received in respect of the proposed increase which will be circulated to Members prior to the meeting.
- 3.9 Members are asked to consider whether to approve the proposed increase to the Hackney Carriage Tariffs in light of the representations received as part of the consultation process.

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

#### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 A decision of this Committee can be subject to legal review.

#### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

#### **7.0 RISKS**

- 7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

#### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The proposal has been advertised.

#### **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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#### **APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1** Table comparing the current and proposed rates

**Appendix 2** Table showing the effect of the proposal

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

### SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee</b>	<b>25 November 2015</b>
<b>Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee</b>	<b>27 January 2016</b>
<b>Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee</b>	<b>23 November 2016</b>

**Comparison of current and proposed Hackney Carriage tariffs**

	Current rate	Proposed rate
<b>Tariff 1</b>		
First 600 yards	£2.80	
<b>First 300 yards</b>		£2.80
Each subsequent 245 yards	20p	20p
<b>Tariff 2</b>		
First 900 yards	£3.30	unchanged
Each subsequent 205 yards	20p	unchanged
<b>Tariff 3</b>		
First 966 yards	£3.90	unchanged
Each subsequent 182 yards	20p	unchanged
<b>Tariff 4</b>		
First 966 yards	£5.20	unchanged
Each subsequent 137 yards	20p	unchanged

Table showing effect of the proposal

	Distance	Fare based on current tariff	Fare based on proposed tariff
<b>Tariff 1</b>	1 mile	£3.80	£4.00
	2 miles	£5.20	£5.60
	3 miles	£6.80	£7.00
	4 miles	£8.20	£8.40
	5 miles	£9.60	£9.80
	10 miles	£16.80	£17.00
<b>Tariff 2</b>	1 mile	£4.30	unchanged
	2 miles	£5.90	
	3 miles	£7.70	
	4 miles	£9.30	
	5 miles	£11.10	
	10 miles	£19.70	
<b>Tariff 3</b>	1 mile	£4.90	unchanged
	2 miles	£6.90	
	3 miles	£8.70	
	4 miles	£10.70	
	5 miles	£12.70	
	10 miles	£22.30	
<b>Tariff 4</b>	1 mile	£6.40	unchanged
	2 miles	£9.00	
	3 miles	£11.60	
	4 miles	£14.20	
	5 miles	£16.80	
	10 miles	£29.60	